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EXAMINER:

FOR: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS STARTED FROM A PROGRAM RECORDED ON A RECORDING MEDIUM WITH WELL-MAINTAINED SECURITY, AND A RECORDING MEDIUM STORING SUCH A PROGRAM AND A PRODUCING METHOD OF SUCH A RECORDING MEDIUM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

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REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the reference(s) cited in the attached Japanese Office Action and listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed reference(s) is attached. Applicants further submit counterpart US 2002/0046216 A1, US 2002/0116632 A1 and US 2002/0054326 A1, in order to provide the Examiner with readily available corresponding US references of the cited non-English language Japanese references, namely JP 2001-350657, JP 2002-251326 and JP 2002-82806. The Japanese Office Action submitted herewith is being filed in the interest of the full disclosure and is not a Statement of Relevancy.

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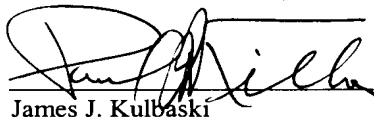
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